

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 14, 2005. Claims 16-30 are presented for examination. Claims 1-15 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 16-30 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 16, 21 and 26 are in independent form.

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. JP 11-027434 (Yuji), and Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yuji in view of United States Patent No. 5,408,340 (Edamura).

Cancellation of Claims 1-15 renders their rejections moot, but Applicant submits the following comments regarding the patentability of new Claims 16-30 over these cited references.

Claim 16 is directed to an electronic apparatus capable of facsimile transmission, which enables a facsimile transmission means to collectively transmit image data of plural sets stored in an image memory to be transmitted to a same partner station, without disconnecting a call. The apparatus includes control means adapted, in case two-side image data of a set or sets and one-side image data of a set or sets to be transmitted to the same partner station are stored in the image memory, to cause the facsimile transmission means to collectively transmit the image data of plural sets in such a manner that collective transmission of only the set(s) of two-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call and collective transmission of only the set(s) of one-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call

are performed with separating respective calls from each other.

Among other notable features of Claim 16 is control means adapted, in case two-side image data of a set or sets and one-side image data of a set or sets to be transmitted to the same partner station are stored in the image memory, to cause the facsimile transmission means to collectively transmit the image data of plural sets in such a manner that collective transmission of only the set(s) of two-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call and collective transmission of only the set(s) of one-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call are performed with separating respective calls from each other. By virtue of the structure recited in Claim 16, since collective transmission of the two-sided image data as stored in the image memory, and that of the one-sided image data are performed by separating respective calls from each other, the set(s) of two-sided image data and the set(s) of one-sided image data can be collectively transmitted without a failure in compatibility.

Yuji relates to a facsimile apparatus and system in which a receiving facsimile apparatus notifies a transmitting facsimile apparatus as to whether it has a double side printing capability through a non-standard function setting signal (NSS), and the transmitting facsimile apparatus notifies the receiving facsimile apparatus in page information as to whether, for each page being transmitted, it is double-sided or one-sided. The receiving facsimile apparatus then prints the image data for each page according to the page information. However, Applicant has found nothing in Yuji that would teach or suggest “control means adapted, in case two-side image data of a set or sets and one-side image data of a set or sets to be transmitted to the same partner station are stored in the image memory, to cause said facsimile transmission means to collectively transmit the

image data of plural sets in such a manner that collective transmission of only the set(s) of two-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call and collective transmission of only the set(s) of one-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call are performed with separating respective calls from each other,” as recited in Claim 16.

The disclosure of Edamura does not remedy the deficiencies of Yuji. Edamura relates to a facsimile transmission control method wherein a transmitting facsimile detects whether a receiving facsimile has two-sided printing capability and transmits a non-standard facilities set up signal indicating that a two-sided document transmission function is selected in order to transmit the stored image information to the receiving station. However, nothing in Edamura would teach or suggest “control means adapted, in case two-side image data of a set or sets and one-side image data of a set or sets to be transmitted to the same partner station are stored in the image memory, to cause said facsimile transmission means to collectively transmit the image data of plural sets in such a manner that collective transmission of only the set(s) of two-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call and collective transmission of only the set(s) of one-side image data as stored in the image memory without disconnecting a call are performed with separating respective calls from each other”, as recited in Claim 16.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant’s opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 16.

Independent Claims 21 and 26 are method and storage medium claims, respectively, corresponding to apparatus Claim 16, and are believed to be patentable over

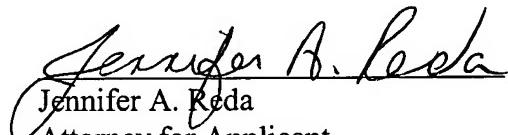
the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim

16. The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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